



# Homeland Security

*Office for Domestic Preparedness*

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### BACKGROUND: TERRORISM - A REAL THREAT!

Events over the past few years have shown that terrorists, foreign and domestic, are willing to attack American interests at home and abroad. Terrorists now have access to a broad array of advanced technologies and lethal materials worldwide. International and domestic terrorism can strike any target at any time, and terrorists are no longer limited to conventional weapons. There is concern that chemical and biological agents are weapons of choice.



On November 26, 1997, the Center for Domestic Preparedness was officially established under the Department of Justice as a Training Center for Emergency

Responders to terrorist acts. Under the Homeland Security Act of 2002, the Center became part of the newly created Department of Homeland Security.

Since the Center opened and began training operations on June 1, 1998, emergency responders have received invaluable training which will assist them in dealing with a terrorist attack. They gain critical skills and necessary confidence which enables them to effectively respond to a Weapons of Mass Destruction incident.



### MEETING THE CHALLENGE:

The Center for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, is charged with training emergency responders: law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical personnel and others to deal with a terrorist attack involving Weapons of Mass Destruction and incidents involving hazardous materials. An awesome task when you realize there are more than **11 million** emergency responders and other personnel in this country that would need training to deal with terrorist incidents.



The CDP training includes chemical, ordnance/explosives, biological and radiological (COBRA) weapons that may be employed by terrorists. The Center is the **only** federally chartered WMD training center that provides hands-on training in a toxic agent environment to civilian emergency responders. In fact, the CDP stands as a world leader in providing such training.

Since beginning operations, the CDP has trained responders representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the territories. The Center continues to pursue initiatives which will provide opportunities for even more responders to take advantage of this very important training.



## TRAINING SCHEDULE:

The CDP offers training courses normally conducted from two to five days. The federal government pays all expenses (for state and local responders) including transportation, training, meals, and lodging.



### WMD Technical Emergency Response Training:

This 4-day training program provides emergency responders training for responding to and operating in a WMD environment in a defensive and offensive posture. Applicants must have completed WMD awareness level training.

Attendees learn about chemical, ordnance/explosives, biological, and radiological threats; international and domestic terrorist threats; and managing a scene where WMD weapons have been deployed.

The course also involves 20 hours of hands-on training using specialized protective clothing and equipment, chemical detection and identification equipment, decontamination, triage and ordnance/explosive recognition and response. The program concludes with a multi-task, hands-on performance oriented training exercise in the WMD (Toxic Agent) COBRA Training Facility.

### WMD Hazardous Material Technician Training Course:

This 3-day in-depth training course is for technicians who have been certified as meeting the competency requirements as outlined in OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 and NFPA 472 for HAZMAT Technicians.

The training covers advanced aspects of WMD agents; preservation of evidence at a crime scene, an overview of the international and domestic terrorist threat, and a series of practical exercises involving WMD detection, identification and protective equipment and techniques for operating in a WMD environment. The course culminates with a hands-on multi-task training exercise in the WMD (Toxic Agent) COBRA Training Facility.



### WMD Hands-On Training Course:

The 2-day advanced training program is for responders who have successfully completed a CDP site-delivered training program or other recognized training program as outlined in the Office for Domestic Preparedness Training Course Catalog. The course provides hands-on training with personal protective equipment (PPE), advanced sampling and monitoring equipment, evidence collection and preservation, mass casualty triage, and ordnance/explosive secondary devices and searches. The course also incorporates performance of advanced hands-on WMD related tasks in a toxic agent environment.

## WMD Incident Command Training Course:

This 3-day in-depth training course is for responders who meet the competency requirements outlined in OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 and NFPA 472 for Incident Commanders. They must have a complete understanding of the Incident Command and Unified Command System. Subjects covered in this training are an overview of the WMD threat and hazards, the incident management decision-making process, threat and target analysis, vulnerability and risk assessment, capability analysis and incident response plan development. The course culminates in an 8-hour interactive WMD response exercise involving command operations.



## OTHER RESIDENT TRAINING:

**Law Enforcement Protective Measures (Train the Trainer)** is a 2-day operations training program specifically for responders in law enforcement. This course addresses the indicators of terrorist activity, WMD hazards, and the appropriate law enforcement response. The course also includes 8 hours for training the material at the jurisdictional level.

**WMD Instructor Training Certification Course** is a 5-day training course that certifies responders as ODP and DHS certified trainers. The course encompasses all of the aspects of teaching adult audiences.

## WMD ON-SITE DELIVERED TRAINING:

The CDP now offers jurisdictional on-site delivered WMD training at the operational and command levels. The CDP has several adaptable training programs, but the ultimate training is tailored to meet the needs of the community.

On-site training is coordinated through the Student Services Office. Jurisdictions requesting on-site training must be aware that on-site training is not a substitute for CDP resident training programs.

### CDP Training Contact Information:

If you would like more information about CDP resident training programs:

- Visit our website at [www.cdptraining.com](http://www.cdptraining.com)
- Contact our Student Services Office at (Toll Free) 1-866-213-9553, FAX (256) 847-2222
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